

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Art Unit: not yet assigned

Application No.: not yet assigned

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Attorney Dkt. No.: 12137-0006

For: THREADED JOINT FOR AN OIL WELL PIPE AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING SAME (as amended)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 4, 2006

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please
amend the application as set forth below.

Amendments to the specification are submitted on page 2.

Amendments to the claims are submitted on page 3.

Remarks are submitted on page 6.